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## RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action of October 19, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following amendments presented hereinbelow:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include one attached replacement sheet; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.